

HANG IN THERE

Miami Township Recreation has everything you need to conquer those winter blues. From 'Aging Gracefully' to 'Low Impact Zumba' - and everything in between. We have classes and activities for all!

Your Winter Journey Begins on Page 5

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CONNECT WITH YOUR GREAT COMMUNITY:



Raelynn enjoys the brand new playground equipment at Miami Meadows Park.

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Tobacco & Vaping Regulations for Parks

Beginning on January 1, 2017 Miami Township parks will be smoke and vape free. The resolution to not permit smoking, vaping and the use of tobacco products in the parks was passed after having three public meetings on the topic.

These types of smoke and tobacco free regulations are becoming increasingly more common in Ohio. Locally, all of the Milford School District campuses and athletic fields in Miami Township have been smoke and tobacco free for a few years.

The Board had received a couple of presentations this year from the Tobacco-Free Alliance sub-committee of the Partners for a Drug-Free Milford Miami Township proposing that the Township adopt a tobacco/smoke/vape free parks policy. The Tobacco-Free Alliance presented data from several on-line and in-person surveys they conducted locally of residents and park users showing that the overwhelming majority of respondents would be in favor of such a ban. Communities have adopted smoke and tobacco free parks to reduce second-hand smoke, reduce the littering caused by discarded cigarette butts and to provide better role modeling for the youth using parks and public spaces. The rule will not only apply to the Township parks, but also to campuses such as the Civic Center, Police Station and Fire Stations.



Spirit of '76 Park Committee

There are openings on the Spirit of '76 Park Committee for any interested residents. The Spirit of '76 Park is an 8 acre park within Miami Meadows Park that honors our Country's veterans and commemorates important events in the founding of our Country. The Committee typically meets once per month and is appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Committee plans, coordinates and makes recommendations for improvements to the Spirit of '76 Park. Other duties include assisting in finding sources and raising funds necessary for park development and planning and volunteering at activities within the park. Those interested may contact Township Administrator Jeff Wright at 248-3725 or Jeff.Wright@MiamiTwpOH.gov.



MINIMIZE THE RISK: Lock It or Lose It



Lieutenant Jenkins

No one wants to be a victim, but if you find yourself in that situation due to a crime of theft we have a list of suggestions to help aid in your investigation.

Property theft is a growing concern for many communities including our own. What should you do to minimize the risk of becoming a victim? What should you do if you find yourself a victim of theft?

Here is a list of suggestions:

- Lock your vehicle and remove all valuables items.
- Garage door openers should be kept out of sight.
- Compile a list of your property such as laptops, jewelry, weapons and expensive items.
- Photograph those items and keep the pictures in a safe place.
- Record the serial number, make, model and other pertinent information about each item.
- Turn on all outside lights at night, or possibly invest in motion activated outdoor lighting.
- Make sure all doors and windows in your home are secured.
- Report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood immediately to #513 732-2231 the non emergency dispatch number, or if the need is emergent, then dial 911.
- Be sure to close your garage door when not in use.
- Consider installing a personal security system.



In the unfortunate event you find yourself a victim of theft please contact the Miami Township Police Department immediately at 732-2231. Don't touch anything and be prepared to provide the responding officer with a list of your stolen items. Our goal is to reduce the risk of becoming a victim so Lock it or possibly Lose it!

2017 Junior Police Academy (JPA)

The 2017 Spring Junior Police Academy will be held MAR 27-31, 9am-3pm (Ages 13-17) at the Leming House in Community Park. This is a **FREE** Academy!

Applicants will be accepted by the Miami Township Police Department and participants will be selected based on a questionnaire. This program will provide a unique experience for law enforcement professionals to come together with young people and share basic law enforcement knowledge, techniques and experiences. The JPA cadets will not only learn about law enforcement, but much emphasis is placed on teamwork, respect, positive behavior, pride in one's work and the resistance to drugs and alcohol abuse. It is our hope that each cadet will leave the program with a better understanding of citizenship and how rewarding community involvement

can be. Breakfast and lunch provided. Download the JPA Questionnaire and JPA Medical Form at MiamiTwpOH.gov. For further information please call: Milford High School SRO, Officer Arter at (513) 576-2219.



Citizens Police Academy Graduates

The MTPD graduated nine citizens from the Citizens Police Academy. This is the 21st class to graduate from the Academy since it was established in 1998. To date, over 250 citizens have completed the Academy.

The Citizens Police Academy is a ten week program that meets one evening per week and introduces students to different functions and components of the Police Department.

Upon completion of the Citizens Police Academy, graduates are invited to join the Alumni Association with members from previous academies. The Alumni Association is very active in Miami Township and Clermont County. Many of the events offered by Miami Township are successful due in part to the volunteerism of the Police Academy Alumni.

Congratulations to the students of Session XXI of the Miami Township Police Department Citizens Police Academy! We at Miami Township look forward to a very successful partnership for many years to come.

For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, contact Lieutenant Ted Swain at 248-3721 or visit us on the web at MiamiTwpOH.gov.



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Law Enforcement Education and Training



Chief Madsen

Near the end of the 1960's, the desire to help professionalize Law Enforcement was afoot and one of the first steps taken was the passing of the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) by the U.S. Congress. This program opened the door for police officers to be provided loans and/or grants to help begin or further their path to a college degree. Universities across the country began to design criminal

justice programs to help promote and facilitate college educations for law enforcement officers in their field of employment.

Prior to this period there appeared to be no formalized training or education for law enforcement officers in the State of Ohio. In fact, the State of Ohio passed legislation in 1965 to create the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council which was in close proximity to the date that Congress enacted the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1965.

The main purpose of this federal act was to authorize the U.S. Attorney General to provide grants for the training of state and local law enforcement personnel. Its author envisioned that the act would bolster existing training programs for law enforcement personnel and support the development of new training methods. It was also envisioned that the act would authorize federal support for the development of improved methods of enforcing criminal laws and administering justice.^[1]

The Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy, (OPOTA) opened its doors for law enforcement training in 1976.

On December 18, 2014, President Barack Obama signed an executive order establishing the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Presidential duties of the task force was to identify best practices and offer recommendations on how policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust. This task force made recommendations to the President focused around six main topics. Those topics are: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Officer Training and Education, and Officer Safety and Wellness.

In December of 2014, Gov. John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2014-06K, announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations (Task Force). The Ohio Collaborative, a 12-person panel, established state police standards – for the first time in Ohio's history - on August 28, 2015, for use of force including use of deadly

force and agency employee recruitment and hiring that can help guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio. "All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet these new expectations. A report will be published by March 31, 2017, listing which agencies have adopted and fully implemented the new state minimum standards."^[2]

We are very pleased to announce that Miami Township Police Department has met all of the required standards per the Ohio Collaborative and have received our final certification for 2016. This process is a nice first step for all police and sheriff departments in the State of Ohio. For Miami Township PD the process was easily completed due to our ongoing compliance since 1996 on a national level of accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.(CALEA).

As for the educational level of the 39 sworn police officers at Miami Township PD; four officers have Masters degrees, seventeen officers have Bachelor degrees and two officers have Associate degrees. Out of the 39 officers 58.9% of all police officers in Miami Township have a college degree. As compared to the 50.2% of residents we serve in Miami Township that report having an associates degree or higher.^[3]

As for law enforcement training, over the past three years Miami Township Police officers have received 7,431 hours of training from various internal and external training courses.

"Much of the research does not indicate that a college degree enhances police performance. However, some research does indicate that some college education combined with training correlates

to enhanced specific discretionary skills, decision-making abilities, and citizen interaction skills, all of which contribute to community policing and problem solving."^[4]

As is noted with the passing of laws and executive orders, the combination of education and training for law enforcement officers is well documented as a desire on both the national and state level. Locally, Miami Township encourages their officers to further their education, we mandate that required training is completed, and we make available additional training to help broaden the officer's knowledge and experiences. With the goal of maintaining the public's respect in how we uphold the Constitution of the United States, of the Great State of Ohio, and the resolutions of Miami Township.



1. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/abstract.aspx?ID=134196>
2. <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/about.html>
3. <http://sites.clermontcountyohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/miamitownshipcommunityreport.pdf>
4. Roberg and Bonn, "Higher Education and Policing."

Miami Township **PARKS & Recreation** *Something for Everyone!*

To register for an activity, go online to Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov or fill out a registration form and mail or drop off your form, with your check, to: Miami Township Recreation, 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150-2189. Pre-registration and prepayment is required for all camps & activities. Receipts will be sent to you. Financial assistance scholarships are available to Miami Township residents who meet assistance requirements. Direct your questions to the Recreation Department at 248-3727.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Online registration is available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

YOUNG REMBRANDTS

PRESCHOOL DRAWING CLASSES

9:30-10:15 am; Ages (3½ - 5) **MTCC**

\$50 R - \$60 NR (per Person, per Session)

Session 1: Tuesdays, JAN 10-JAN 31

Session 2: Tuesdays, FEB 7-FEB 28

Keep your preschoolers warm and engaged during the cold winter months. As your child learns to draw and color with our step-by-step method, they develop observation skills, increase their fine motor skills, handwriting readiness and attention to detail. This winter, expand your preschooler's creative horizons with a Young Rembrandts class. Sign up now!

PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am (Ages 0-4)

MTCC; \$35 R - \$45 NR (per Family, per Session)

Our Playgroup Primetime aims to allow children ages 0-4 to have fun, play, and make new friends in a relaxed, informal environment. Parents or grandparents can mingle and socialize and hopefully see these gatherings as a means towards which friendships can be built. The pricing is per family. Come join the fun and meet new friends!!

Session 1: JAN 5 - FEB 9

Session 2: FEB 16 - MAR 23

Session 3: APR 6 - MAY 11

NOTE: Preschool children must be potty trained to participate in the following programs and mothers are encouraged to drop their child off. Please no pull ups or diapers.

SNOW DAY!!

Friday, JAN 27; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**

(Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR

It's that time of the year! Make snowflakes and have some indoor fun with "snow" activities. There will be snow crafts, games, snack and a story time.

SUPERHEROS SAVE THE DAY

Friday, FEB 10; 10-11:30; **MTCC**

(Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR

Calling all superheroes to join in the fun with a scavenger hunt that only superheroes will be able to solve. Don't forget to wear your superhero outfit and a superhero snack will be served.

PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Friday, MAR 24; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**

(Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR

Let's all act like princesses for a day and have a pretend tea party with a special princess snack. Don't forget to dress like your favorite princess for the tea party!

LIL' NATURE CAMP

Wednesdays, APR 26-MAY 3; 10-11:30 am

MTCC (Ages 3-5) \$20 R - \$25 NR

Weather permitting we will take a nature walk and explore things outdoors! Maybe we will find some wiggly creatures or crawly things. We will do a nature craft and read a story. Wear weather appropriate clothing.

MAY FLOWERS FOR MOM

Monday, MAY 8; 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**

(Ages 3-5) \$10 R - \$15 NR

Let's make mom or grandma something special for their day. We will make a craft and read a story about Mother's Day while having a snack.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE

Friday, FEB 3 or Saturday, FEB 4; **MTCC**

6:30-8:30 pm; \$10 R - \$15 NR (per person)

Due to the popularity of this event it will be offered on two nights this year. Be sure to designate which evening you prefer on your registration form. Come and dance to the music, make valentine crafts, enjoy a snack and other activities. Please bring your own camera for that cherished Daddy-Daughter photo. Escorts may be father or other significant parental figure. Dressy attire. **Pre-registration required** and space is limited.

WINTER BLAST FAMILY FEST

Friday, FEB 24; 6:30-8:30 pm; **MTCC**

Fireworks at 8pm; \$5 (per person)

Sign up your family NOW to join in the winter fun! Kids will enjoy snow themed games, crafts and a bouncy house. Back by popular demand is Flaky Bingo. Come enjoy some freshly made "Pop Corn" and the "Candy Bar" with a colorful array of sweet treats. Have fun receiving a family friendly airbrushed tattoo. Top off the evening with a short but spectacular fireworks show by Rozzi' Famous Fireworks! Limited space. Snow or Shine. **Pre-registration required** with the Miami Township Recreation Department. No refunds if inclement weather conditions. Thank you to TaleMed for sponsoring the fireworks!

MIAMI TOWNSHIP'S

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, APR 8; 10:00 am-Noon; **MTCC**

FREE EVENT! The Easter Bunny will be making a very special visit to Miami Township Civic Center. He has invited children to come and make crafts, decorate cookies, face paint, & play games. **NO EGG HUNT.** Treats will be distributed by the Easter Bunny & helpers. Parents bring your cameras to take that special picture. Back by popular demand...the petting zoo and the magic show!

2017 CONCERT SERIES

When the schedule is finalized it will be posted on "Free Events" at MiamiTwpOH.gov. Bring your whole family and don't forget to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

KIDS ONLY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Catch & Release

Saturday, APR 22; **MML**; **FREE**

We have partnered with Queen City Outdoors for this event who will provide some of the prizes for the kids. Registration is required at Lakeside Pavilion at 9am and the Tournament is from 10-Noon. Children require adult supervision. Bait available at a nominal fee. Stringers are prohibited. Only 1 pole per child will be allowed and you must bring your own.

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Hello Winter!! Well, here we are again, heading into the holidays and gearing up for that cold, chilly winter weather. As we hunker down and go into our hibernation mode we have some new activities planned to get you out of your "winter blah zone". Look through this latest issue of *Inside MIAMI Township* and check out all the great programs and events we have to offer.



Krystin Thibodeau

I know there's a bit of stigma around quilting; picturing little grey haired ladies sitting in a circle, but we are about to bust that myth. New classes starting up are project based sessions of quilting called "Not Your Grandmas Quilting". We will also offer a class on the popular technique called T-shirt quilting; utilizing your child's old t-shirts to create a memorable and sentimental quilt. New in Adult Education is a partnership with Milford Jr. HS and technology teacher Kandy Bullis. She'll teach a class called "Chromebooks For Parents". Chromebooks is the technology used in all the schools. This class will demonstrate and teach what types of apps are used for school work and what requirements are expected in the school setting. This is a great example of collaboration with our local school district.

Mark your calendars for two very popular and fun events to break up the winter doldrums. We'll be hosting our annual "Daddy Daughter Dances" for the ninth year on Friday FEB 3 & Saturday FEB 4. This is a very special night for daughter's and their Dad's or significant others. Later that month we will be hosting our 3rd annual "Winter Blast Family Fest" on Friday FEB 24. This event offers lots of family friendly activities and finishes with a short, but spectacular Rozzi fireworks display on the grounds of the Civic Center. This is a pre-registration event unlike our other large community events.

Happy Winter!! Try to make the most out of season.

LEGEND:

R - Miami Township Resident; NR - Non-Resident

MTCC - Miami Township Civic Center - 6101 Meijer Drive

PR - Paxton Ramsey Park, 6265 Price Road

MR - Miami Riverview Park, 587 Branchhill-Loveland Road

MJHS - Milford Junior High School, 5735 Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill

MMP - Miami Meadows Pavilion, 1546 SR 131

MML - Miami Meadows Lakeside, 1546 SR 131

CP - Community Park, 5951 Buckwheat Road

LH - Leming House in CP, 5951 Buckwheat Road

MHS - Milford High School, 1 Eagles Way

ADULT SPORTS & WELLNESS

Online registration is available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Join Dion Graham and experience fitness fun in the park to encourage & challenge you in your health goals. He has creative and fun ways to burn calories, explains the methods behind the movements, while connecting you to your comrades. The "fall" classes are being held outside at Miami Township parks. Dion Graham, I.S.S.A Certified Personal Trainer, Founder and CEO of Skynotch Fitness, is excited to meet you and to help motivate you to get in shape. The view and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township. No refunds if inclement weather conditions. **Pre-registration required.** No Drop Ins.

(***) Join a FREE "Fitness in the Park" class to catch the excitement!

Leming House in Community Park

*** **FREE Class - Tuesday, JAN 3; 6-7:00 pm**
Tuesdays, 6-7pm; \$50 R - \$60 NR (per Session)
Session 1: Tuesdays, JAN 10-FEB 7
Session 2: Tuesdays, FEB 14-MAR 14
Session 3: Tuesdays, MAR 21-APR 18

Community Park Pavilion

*** **FREE Class - Tuesday, APR 25, 6:30-7:30 pm**
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm; \$50 R - \$60 NR (per Session)
Session 1: MAY 2-MAY 30
Session 2: JUN 13-JUL 18 (no class 7/4)
Session 3: AUG 1-AUG 29

Paxton Ramsey Park Pavilion

*** **FREE Class - Thursday, APR 27, 6-7:00 pm**
Thursdays 6-7:00 pm; \$50 R - \$60 NR (per Session)
Session 1: Thursdays, MAY 4-JUN 1
Session 2: Thursdays, JUN 15-JUL 13
Session 3: Thursdays, JUL 27-AUG 24

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LINE DANCING WITH ERICA

Wednesdays, 7-8:00 pm; **LH**
\$25 R - \$30 NR (per Session) \$7 (Drop-In)
Session 1: JAN 4-FEB 1
Session 2: FEB 8-MAR 8
Session 3: MAR 15-APR 12
Session 4: APR 19-MAY 17

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Hilary Kunes was introduced to Essentials Oils to help support her digestive issues. After using them consistently, her health has changed dramatically. She is passionate about educating others on how to use Essential Oils for all over wellbeing and specific areas of concern. Her classes will be informative, experiential but most of all fun. These classes can be taken as stand alone events. They do not need to be taken consecutively. The view and opinions of this vendor do not necessarily state or reflect those of Miami Township.

ESSENTIAL OILS
CLEANSE, DETOX & RESTORE
Tuesday, JAN 17; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

What is toxic load? How can we naturally help our bodies cleanse and detox? Using natural remedies like Essential oils can help us refresh and restore our bodies. We will make DIY a detox bath salt blend.

ESSENTIAL OILS
LOVE IS IN THE AIR
Tuesday, Feb 7; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

With Valentine's Day around the corner let's learn what oils can be a fun addition to this romantic holiday! We will learn in a tasteful discussion how oils can be added to help promote a romantic mood. DIY a rollerball blend.

ESSENTIAL OILS
TRAUMA, GRIEF, & STRESS
Thursday, FEB 23; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

Feeling down? Hardships? Death of a loved one? Life is full of up's and down's sometimes more than we can feel like handling. How can Essential Oils help? Various oils can help support you through tumultuous times. DIY room spray.

ESSENTIAL OILS
TREE SOURCED & THEIR MANY USES
Tuesday, MAR 7; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

We will dig deep into the root of why "Wood" oils are so amazing. These oils have incredible properties to keep you centered and grounded. We will discuss how to use them in your home. DIY a "Wood" cleaner/polish.

ESSENTIAL OILS
AGING GRACEFULLY
Thursday, MAR 23; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

As we age our bodies are constantly changing. More creases and definitely more creaking! How can we support our amazing bodies as we grow older? DIY muscle relief bath salts.

ESSENTIAL OILS
HAND & FOOT CARE
Tuesday, APR 4; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

We use them everyday. The wear and tear is constant. Learn about hand & foot self care using Essential Oils especially, before sandal season hits. DIY foot scrub.

ESSENTIAL OILS
A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP
Thursday, APR 20; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

One, Two, Three- Tired of counting sheep? Learn some relaxation techniques and how to incorporate Essential Oils into your Bedtime Routine. DIY pillow spray.

ESSENTIAL OILS
OUTDOORS
Tuesday, MAY 9; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

This class will cover a high level on Sun Care, Bug bite Care and of the issues that can occur as the weather gets warmer. What is great essential oil for cooling the body. DIY Sun soothing relief spray.

ESSENTIAL OILS
COOKING: SAUCES & SEASONED SALTS
Tuesday, MAY 16; 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$5 (per Person)

Fire up the Grill- Yes, you can cook with Essential Oils. We will discuss recipes and rubs. Sample dipping oil and try your hand at making a seasoned salt.

**MEN'S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL**

Miami Township Recreation Department is coordinating Men's Recreation Basketball in cooperation with Meadowview Elementary School. Bruce Brunetti is the facilitator for this activity. Pre-registration is required. Please no drop-ins or prorating. Scheduling conflicts may arise after registration due to school related activities. The fee is based on session and no refund will be granted due to cancellations. These dates have been permitted with the knowledge that the district calendar has not been finalized yet. Limited Space.

Sundays Winter Session: JAN 8-MAR 19
(no class 1/15, 2/5, 2/19) 7-9:00 pm; \$75 R - \$90 NR
Thursdays Spring Session: APR 6-MAY 18
6:30 - 9:30 pm; \$40 R - \$50 NR

YOGA, MINDFULNESS & MORE (Level I)

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am; **MTCC**
\$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop-In)
Session 1: JAN 3-FEB 7
Session 2: FEB 21-MAR 28
Session 3: APR 11-MAY 16
Tone your body, clear your mind, and feel inner peace in an enjoyable introduction to yoga postures, breathing techniques, and guided relaxation. Good for new and ongoing students and most fitness levels. Taught by Julie Lusk, yoga teacher, author & recording artist. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat.

YOGA, MINDFULNESS & MORE
Level I (5:30-7pm) • Level II (7-8:30 pm)
\$60 R - \$75 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, **MTCC**

Session 1: JAN 4-FEB 8
Session 2: FEB 22- MAR 29
Session 3: APR 12-MAY 17

Learn yoga posture variations and how to link poses to each other for a more energetic, flowing practice to brighten your energy and mood. Perfect for more experienced students who are ready to go deeper into yoga. Taught by Julie Lusk, yoga teacher, author & recording artist. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat.

MAT PILATES

Mondays, 7-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$40 R - \$50 NR (Session) \$15 (Drop In)
Session 1: JAN 9-FEB 6 (No Class 1/16)
Session 2: FEB 13-MAR 13 (No Class 2/20)
Session 3: MAR 20-APR 17 (No Class 3/27)
Session 4: APR 24-MAY 15
Did you know your core entails 38 muscles? Mat Pilates is a workout that will strengthen, lengthen, and enhance your posture by increasing the range of motion, strength, and length of these core muscles. A powerful core means a stronger and healthier you! Classes taught by Jennifer Gleason, MA, AFAA and AHA CPR certified and has taught group fitness for 25 years and Mat Pilates for 12 years. Please bring mat or large towel.

Summer Rackley is the instructor for Zumba & Low Impact Zumba. She has been dancing since she was 5 in some way or another between cheerleading and her college dance team, she also runs in her spare time and has completed many different distances including a full marathon. Summer has also been teaching Zumba for almost 10 years and she loves being a part of helping people reach their weight loss goals. Between Zumba and diet Summer has lost over 100 pounds and now uses Zumba to help her keep that weight off, so she knows how hard it is to lose weight but she is also proof that it can be done and it is achievable!

ZUMBA

7-8:00 pm; **LH**; \$25 R - \$30 NR (Session)
\$7 (Drop In)
Session 1: Mondays, JAN 9 - FEB 6
Session 2: Mondays, FEB 13 - MAR 13
Session 3: Mondays, MAR 20 - APR 17
Session 4: Mondays, APR 24 - MAY 22

Session 1: Thursdays, JAN 5-FEB 2
Session 2: Thursdays, FEB 9-MAR 9 (No Class 3/2)
Session 3: Thursdays, MAR 16-APR 13
Session 4: Thursdays, APR 20-MAY 18

Zumba is a fitness class based on Latin dancing with a little hip hop thrown in. This class is designed for the strong, healthy, and active participant who will get fit and feel their energy levels soaring in no time. This class will tone all the target zones, including arms, abs, glutes and thighs. Every class feels like a party! Come join me and you'll see what I mean. You don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow my lead. It's easy!

LOW IMPACT ZUMBA

10-11:00 am; **LH**; \$25 R - \$30 NR (Session)
\$7 (Drop In)
Session 1: Thursday, JAN 5 - FEB 2
Session 2: Thursdays, FEB 9-MAR 16 (No Class 3/2)

Low Impact Zumba is a fitness class based on Latin dancing with oldies and current music thrown in. This class is designed for the person who is new to fitness, just getting back into it, or someone who needs low impact and slower and easier to follow movements. Perfect for all fitness levels and ages, focusing on slower precise movements that will target zones, including arms, abs, glutes and thighs but offers extra modifications for physical concerns and it also makes a great beginner class. Every class feels like party!



DECEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	2	3 TREE LIGHTING & OPEN HOUSE 3:00 pm • MTCC
4	5 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	6 HEALING OILS OF THE BIBLE 7:00 pm • MTCC	7	8 GINGERBREAD DECORATING 6:30 pm • MTCC	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 MOVING & BUILDING II 10:00 am • MTCC	17
18	19 FLOWER ARRANGING 6:30 pm • MTCC	20 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Township Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31

January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEW YEAR's DAY 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Observed) <i>Township Offices Closed</i> 2	YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru FEB 7 • MTCC FREE FITNESS IN THE PARK 6:00 pm • LH 3	LINE DANCING Thru FEB 1 • LH 4 YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru FEB 8 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS II Thru FEB 8 • MTCC	ZUMBA Thru FEB 2 • LH 5 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru FEB 9 • MTCC LOW IMPACT ZUMBA Thru FEB 2 • LH	6	7
MENS REC BASKETBALL Thru MAR 19 • MEADOWVIEW 8	ZUMBA Thru FEB 6 • MTCC 9 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC MAT PILATES Thru FEB 6 • MTCC	PRE-K DRAWING CLASSES Thru JAN 31 • MTCC 10 FITNESS IN THE PARK Thru FEB 7 • LH TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP Thru FEB 23 • MHS Pool	DRAWING CLASSES Thru FEB 1 • MTCC 11	12	13	14
15	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i> 16 3D MAKER CAMP 8:30 am • LH	BOARD of TRUSTEES 7:00 pm • MTCC 17 ESSENTIAL OILS (Cleanse) 7:00 pm • MTCC	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	SNOW DAY! 10:00 am • MTCC 27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE 6:30 pm • MTCC (YELL) PAPERWORK DUE Youth Engaged in Leadership & Learning	DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE 6:30 pm • MTCC
5 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	6	7 TAE KWON DO Thru MAR 16 • MTCC PRE-K DRAWING CLASSES Thru FEB 28 • MTCC ESSENTIAL OILS (Love) 7:00 pm • MTCC DRAWTOONING CLASSES Thru MAR 7 • MTCC	8 LINE DANCING Thru MAR 8 • LH	9 ZUMBA Thru MAR 9 • LH LOW IMPACT ZUMBA Thru MAR 16 • LH	10 SUPERHEROS SAVE THE DAY 10:00 am • MTCC	11
12 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC MAT PILATES Thru MAR 13 • MTCC ZUMBA Thru MAR 13 • LH	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY FITNESS IN THE PARK Thru MAR 14 • LH	15	16 PLAYGROUP PRIMETIME Thru MAR 23 • MTCC PLANNING YOUR GARDEN 6:30 pm • MTCC	17 SPANISH MINI CAMP 9:30 am • MTCC LEGO® BRICKS MINI CAMP 9:00 am • MTCC	18
19 PRESIDENTS DAY <i>Township Offices Closed</i> MAD CAMP 8:30 am • LH	20	21 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru MAR 28 • MTCC	22 YOGA & MINDFULNESS I Thru MAR 29 • MTCC YOGA & MINDFULNESS II Thru MAR 29 • MTCC	23 ESSENTIAL OILS (Trauma) 7:00 pm • MTCC	24 WINTER BLAST FAMILY FEST 6:30 pm • MTCC	25
26	27	28 TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP Thru APR 13 • MHS Pool				

MARCH 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS 6:30 pm • MJHS	2 ZONING COMMISSION 7:30 pm • MTCC	3 NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT Thru MAR 31 • MTCC	4 WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE 9:00 am • MTCC
5 ZONING BOARD of APPEALS 7:30 pm • MTCC	6	7 INTRO TO COMPUTERS & MAR 14 • MJHS ESSENTIAL OILS (Tree Sourced) 7:00 pm • MTCC	8	9	10	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS • Turn Clocks Ahead • Change Smoke Detector Batteries	13 TRUSTEE WORK SESSION 8:30 am • MTCC	14	15 LINE DANCING & APR 12 • LH	16 ZUMBA Thru APR 13 • LH VERTICAL GARDENING 6:30 pm • MTCC	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
19 ZUMBA Thru APR 17 • LH MAT PILATES & APR 17 • MTCC LEGO® S.T.E.M. WORKSHOP & APR 17 • MTCC OHIO'S Rx OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC 6:00 pm • MTCC	20	21 TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm • MTCC FITNESS IN THE PARK & APR 18 • LH CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS 6:30 pm • MJHS	22	23 ESSENTIAL OILS (Aging) 7:00 pm • MTCC	24 PRINCESS TEA PARTY 10:00 am • MTCC	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

ADULT SPORTS & WELLNESS

Online registration is available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov



OHIO'S PRESCRIPTION

DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC

Monday, MAR 20; 6-8:00 pm; **MTCC**
\$15 R - \$20 NR

There is a societal problem related to the overuse/abuse of controlled substances, not just narcotics for pain management. Sadly, many of the abused medications come from the home medicine cabinet and unknowingly fall into the wrong hands.

Presented by Cathy Rosenbaum PharmD MBA RPh CHC, a holistic clinical pharmacist with administrative and practice experience in academia, the pharmaceutical industry, hospital-based pharmacy, medication quality and safety, and integrative health consulting. She is a member of the American Society of Medication Safety Officers, the American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, and the Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine.

We will review the epidemiology of drug overdose deaths, describe how this problem occurred, describe public health response to the problem, review proper disposal of unused prescription medications and discuss lessons learned and opportunities to become involved in 'medication take back' programs.



TOTAL BODY TUNE-UP

Aquatic Fitness Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 am

MHS Pool; \$65 R - \$80 NR

Session 1: JAN 10 - FEB 23*

Session 2: FEB 28 - APR 13* (No Class 3/28 & 30)

Session 3: APR 18 - MAY 25*

**Dates are pending school approval and are subject to change.*

This total body aquatic fitness program uses the buoyant and resistance properties of the water in both shallow and deep water to condition the entire body. This dynamic body conditioning program embraces movement combinations to improve range of motion, balance, flexibility, coordination, core stability, cardio respiratory fitness, muscular strength and endurance. Drag equipment will be provided to intensify the workout. This class can be modified for all fitness levels and is excellent for land-exercisers who are looking for cross-training to enhance strength and endurance. Floatation belts will be provided and must be worn to keep head comfortably above water in the deep water to maximize the benefits of the workout. **Pre-registration is required** and class size is limited. Instructor Lois Leavens, M.Ed., Certified Aquatic Exercise



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

in Partnership with Milford Exempted Village Schools

2017 Spring Adult Education

To register, go to Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov. **Pre-registration is required** for all classes. Financial assistance scholarships are available for those who meet assistance requirements. Direct your questions to Miami Township Recreation at (513) 248-3727.

Instructor:

Kandy Bullis, a math teacher at Milford Jr. High School, previously taught Computer Technology Classes with Milford Schools from 2002 until 2012. If you want to contact her directly about the content of the courses, please email her at bullis_k@milfordschools.org

INTRO TO COMPUTERS

Tuesdays, MAR 7 & 14; 6:30-8:30 pm

MJHS*; \$35

Just bought a computer/chromebook? Feel like you're not doing everything you "could do" with that incredible machine? The kids or grandkids don't have the patience to teach you? This class is for you! Introduction to computers is an overview course for those with little or no computer experience. This is a hands-on course with many opportunities for participation. Topics covered include sending and receiving e-mail, getting around on the Internet, basic file management, and overview of Google Chrome offering. You must currently have a Google e-mail address or bring a cell phone (with texting capabilities) in order to set up a Google e-mail address during class.

ONLINE PHOTO EDITING

(Formerly Intro to Photo Editing)

Thursdays, APR 6 & 13; 6:30-8:30 pm

MJHS*; \$35

Have you taken some fabulous photos, but unfortunately they need some "touch-ups" and you have no idea where to go or what to do? This course will introduce you to Pixlr a *FREE* online photo editing website. Learn how to remove red-eye, touch-up photos, create photo collages, combine images and more! Please bring photos on a flash drive, or ability to access online (easily) for in-class use. You must currently have a Google e-mail address or bring a cell phone (with texting capabilities) in order to set up a Google e-mail address during class.

One Night Course Offerings:

CHROMEBOOKS FOR PARENTS

6:30-8:30 pm; Wednesday, MAR 1 or

Tuesday, MAR 21; **MJHS***; \$20

Has your child recently received a Chromebook through school or have you bought one as a gift for him/her and you are wondering just how this new device works? What types of apps and options is he/she using for school work and what types of requirements are expected as far as using this technology in the school setting? We will also take a look at the platforms used by teachers to communicate with students and provide materials from the classroom. To get the most out of the course, please bring your student's log-in information with you in order to access the same content he/she uses and to access the network.

COMPUTING IN THE CLOUD

Tuesday, APR 18; 6:30-8:30 pm

MJHS*; \$20

The "cloud" is the newest and ultimately safest place for all of your documents. We'll discuss some different options including One Drive and Google Drive and how you can access these files from various locations/devices. You must currently have a Google e-mail address or bring a cell phone (with texting capabilities) in order to set up a Google e-mail address during class.

USING GOOGLE CHROME

Thursday, APR 27; 6:30-8:30 pm

MJHS*; \$20

What are the different features of the Google Chrome when surfing the web and using it at home? What tricks can you use to make browsing easier and keeping yourself more organized with both files and browsing? You must currently have a Google e-mail address or bring a cell phone (with texting capabilities) in order to set up a Google e-mail address during class.

**Classes will take place in Room 17—Park in the lot facing Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Rd. Enter through door # 1 and turn right to the end of the hall. Room 17 will be on your right.*

KIDS SPORTS & WELLNESS

TAE KWON DO

Winter Session: FEB 7*-MAR 16; \$50 R - \$60 NR

Spring Session: APR 4-MAY 18; \$60 R - \$70 NR

Classes are being offered at the Miami Township Civic Center for kids six and older with Jason Jacobs who is an elementary teacher in Milford and a certified instructor. Jason can be contacted at JasonJacobs@live.com to answer your questions regarding class time and level for your child. Uniform can be purchased the first day for \$30 payable to Jason Jacobs. Beginners class time is 4:15-5:00. *Date change due to Mr. Jacobs availability.



ADULT ACTIVITIES

Online registration is available at
Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov

**MIAMI TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Interested in having a plot at the Community Garden located at 6101 Meijer Drive next to the Civic Center? Call 248-3727 and express your interest in a plot. You will be put on a waitlist and contacted once the past participants have determined their involvement. The 10 x 20 size is \$40, 4 x 20 size is \$30, and the 4 x 10 size is \$25. Check out the Community Garden Rules & Regulations at MiamiTwpOH.gov and click on 'Parks' and look for 'Downloadable Forms.'

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE

Saturday, MAR 4; 9 am-Noon; **MTCC** (Ages 14+) \$5 R - \$10 NR (per Person)
Join Miami Township Police Officers for self-defense training. The WSD program is about empowering women to not panic, not to use energy uselessly and submit to an attacker. It teaches them to direct their energy towards goal oriented movements and submission is not an option. The course was developed 10 years ago using existing police defense techniques that primarily worked thru leverage and basic defense principles. It teaches participants to utilize their body, no matter how big or small they are, essentially maximizing effect, while reducing the energy used. We work on using the mind and body to get maximum results. The course is taught in 3 hours to attract those who do not want long term commitments of multiple classes. Please wear rubber-soled shoes and comfortable clothing. **Pre-registration required.**

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

Thursday, FEB 16; 6:30-7:30 pm; **MTCC** \$5 (per Person)

Learn how to pick an appropriate site, determine what your soil needs to help your plants blossom, starting seeds indoors and figure out which plants, where and when to put them in your garden. This informative and fun class is taught by Kim Chamberland, Clermont County Master Gardener.

VERTICAL GARDENING

Thursday, MAR 16; 6:30-7:30 pm; **MTCC** \$5 (per Person)

Now is the perfect time to plan your vertical garden. You live in an apartment or have a small yard that isn't large enough for a garden, here is a space saving solution for you: make vertical gardens! If you can't go horizontally, just go vertically. You can grow flowers, vegetables, or have your own herb gardens. Not only will vertical gardens save you a lot of space, but they are also unique and decorative to beautify your garden, backyard or porch. Hopefully this class will inspire you to design your own vertical gardens.

FLOWER ARRANGING for Mom

Monday, MAY 1; 6:30-8:00 pm; **MTCC** (Adults/Kids 10+) \$25 R - \$30 NR (per Person)
Mom's day is coming! What better way to surprise her with an arrangement that you created yourself. Join Donna Stamper, owner Jay's Florist, to create an arrangement for that special someone in your life or treat yourself with fresh flowers. The fee includes instruction and all materials. Donna is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Horticulture with over 25 years of experience. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring cutting utensils like hand pruners, clippers or shears.

NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT (Session 1)

Friday, MAR 3-31; 10 am-noon; **MTCC** \$30 R - \$35 NR

Join this fun class with leaders Patty Endres & Nancy Moore to learn basic machine quilting. These ladies are passionate about quilting and want to help you. You must bring your own sewing machine, needles, scissors and thread. Fabric will be provided. In this session you will construct a baby or lap quilt following classes on fabric selection, rotary cutting, machine set-up, the "perfect 1/4 inch seam", pressing, quilt sandwich, borders, binding and more.

NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S QUILT (Session 2)

Friday, APR 14-MAY 26 (no class 4/28, 5/12)
10 am-Noon; **MTCC**; \$30 R - \$35 NR
A session designed for practical application of the basics learned in Session 1. You choose a project and bring your own materials. In the classroom setting you will be guided on project instructions and provided ongoing assistance to sharpen your skills.

T-SHIRT QUILTING

Tuesday, APR 4; 7-9:00 pm; **MTCC** \$5 (per Person)

You want to make a T-shirt quilt and can't seem to figure out the instructions? Come join Patty Endres & Nancy Moore in this 2 hour demonstration style class to show you techniques and products to help you succeed at making a memory enhancing quilt. There is NO hands on during this class. A hand out will be provided for you to take home.

KIDS ACTIVITIES**SPANISH MINI-CAMP**

Friday, FEB 17; 9:30-12:30 pm; **MTCC** (Ages 5-12) \$25 R - \$30 NR
School is off but the fun is in! Come join us for this mini-camp where we will teach you how to cook basic Mexican Recipes including favorites like burritos, quesadillas and nachos, ending with delicious desserts like Churros & Chocolate. We will take a Salsa Dance Class and a Music Class to play unique instruments from Latin America. We will also make our instruments to take home!

3D MAKER CAMP

3D Printing Board Game Creation
Monday, JAN 16; 10, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; **LH** (Ages 8-16) \$100 R - \$120 NR
Taught by iDaP Academy, kids will create a board game and use 3D design software to create and 3D print the game pieces. Campers will harness the newest technology and design software to create something unique. Bring your imagination, a sack lunch, and a drink - we will supply everything else for a day of innovation that delivers fun, and 21st century skills. All board games will be presented and voted on to determine which game is the best in class.

MAD CAMP

Mobile Application Development
Monday, FEB 20, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; **LH** (Ages 8-16) \$100 R - \$120 NR
This fun filled day is taught by iDaP Academy, kids will use the latest technology and software to create an application or video game. Bring your imagination, a sack lunch, and a drink - we will supply everything else for a day of innovation and infinite possibilities. All apps will be published and made available on the iDaP academy website. For each class your child will select a template from the iDaP library to modify and create a dream application or video game for their own mobile device.

**YOUNG REMBRANDTS
DRAWTOONING CLASSES**

6-7:00 pm (Ages 6-13) **MTCC** \$50 R - \$60 NR (per Person, per Session)
Session 1: Wednesdays, JAN 11-FEB 1
Session 2: Tuesdays, Feb 7-MAR 7 (no class 2/21)
What runs from ear-to-ear and is contagious? Give up? It's the SMILE your child will have as they get to explore the fun, artistic world of Young Rembrandts! Your child will wear the biggest smile as they laugh and learn while drawing. This class includes both drawing and cartooning lessons that are sure to excite your child!

MINI-CAMP with LEGO® BRICKS

in Partnership with Bricks for Kidz
Friday, Feb 17; 9 am-Noon (Ages 5-13)
MTCC; \$30 R - \$35 NR
School is out but learning is in! Bricks 4 Kidz mini camps are a fresh and fun way for kids to spend their school break! Children will have a blast using LEGO® Bricks to build uniquely designed models including popular characters, motorized models and mosaics. In addition to building with LEGO, kids will play games, face challenges, make crafts and more! Bricks 4 Kidz provides an engaging and enriching atmosphere where kids can develop their curiosity and creativity while having fun and socializing in a non-competitive setting. All materials are provided. There will be NO take home LEGO projects but kids may take home their crafts.

LEGO® S.T.E.M. WORKSHOP

in Partnership with Bricks for Kidz
Monday, MAR 20 **and/or** Tuesday, APR 11
6-7:00 pm (Ages 5-13) **MTCC** \$15 R - \$20 NR (per Person, per Day)
Join Bricks 4 Kidz for a Lego S.T.E.M. experience! Our projects, designed by engineers and architects, motivate children by reinforcing S.T.E.M. based principles while enhancing self-esteem, improving fine motor skills, and teaching important math skills. Our Lego models are fully interactive and lets the kids learn about using MOTORS, GEARS, AXLES, PULLEYS, etc. We build vehicles, contraptions, inventions, animals and much more. Come join the educational fun! We build, we Play with LEGO Bricks! Kids build a new project at every workshop! All materials are provided. There will be NO take home projects.

TEEN ACTIVITIES**YOUTH ENGAGED IN LEADERSHIP & LEARNING (YELL)**

The purpose of the YELL program is to provide youth ages 14-15 the training and experience to help them to be positive role models in the summer camp environment. The "2017 Summer Camp" program promotes responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and communication. This is a 3+ week volunteer program that includes field experience and some classroom time to learn about camp procedures, safety procedures, and positive camper interaction. The applicant is required to turn in the appropriate paperwork before Friday, February 3rd. The selected candidates will be contacted and scheduling will be discussed. Contact the Miami Township Recreation Department at 248-3727 for more information.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Clermont Senior Services offer lifelong learning & senior activities at Miami Township Civic Center. Call Lori Malpass at Clermont Senior Services 248-4345 for more information.



MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE/EMS

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Happy Holidays!



Chief Kelly

As we wind down 2016 and enjoy the holiday season with our loved ones, it is important to invite safety to all of your holiday functions. With the winter months upon us, we try to find ways to stay warm and have fun inside of our homes. During this time, the Miami Township Fire & EMS department would like to ask you to spend a few minutes going through your house to make sure

your time indoors is as safe as possible.

We spend a lot of time talking about having working smoke detectors in your house, which is very important, but equally important is the need to have a working carbon monoxide (CO) detector. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is a byproduct of incomplete combustion. What does that mean? Anything that puts off heat or that burns creates combustion; fireplaces, gas-fed appliances, various forms of heaters, furnaces, water heaters, cars running in the garage, etc.

The point is, every home needs a working CO alarm to alert the occupants to the presence of this life-threatening gas. If you already have a CO detector, please make sure the batteries still work. If you don't have one, please pick one up as soon as possible! If you need help or have questions, please contact Miami Township Fire & EMS at (513) 248-3700.

Winter Fire Safety

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



- Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet from any heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

- **Install** and **test** carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home or nearby building.
- Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Christmas Tree Safety

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

*** SOURCE: National Fire Protection Association

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six of the fires.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Reinvestment Helps Keep Business Corridors Strong



Brian Elliff

A positive trend appearing in Miami Township is the re-use and remodeling of buildings that have been vacant or underused for some time. The reinvestment helps to keep Miami Township's corridors vibrant and property taxes strong. Going back a little over a year now, this movement started in a significant way when the Scene 75 Company took over the former Kmart location at State Route 28 and I-275. Other visible building reutilization includes the newly opened Perry's Garage on Business 28 (formerly Midas), Outdoor Furniture Restoration on Meijer Drive (formerly Voodoo Guitars), Boutique Motorcycle Sales on Business 28 (formerly car wash), Aqua Marine Pools on Montclair Court (formerly warehouse) and the Skyline Chili remodel also on Business 28.

The recent new users of existing buildings noted are just part of the picture. Throughout the business cycle, new businesses come, grow and sometimes go, and properties are either torn down or re-used.

In previous years Miami Township has seen other noticeable building reutilization that has led to viable business and institutional users. Below are other "new" users of older spaces, now longer term fixtures within the community.



Business 28 – Motorcycle Sales (Coming Soon)



Business 28 - Skyline Chili Remodel



Meijer Drive – Outdoor Furniture Sales & Refinishing



Business 28 - Auto Services

- Recreations Outlet, former lumber yard (2009), on Business 28
- Planet Fitness, former Sears Hardware (2013), at Mulberry Square Shopping Center
- Ohio Valley Voices School, former church (2005), on Branch Hill Guinea Pike
- Eastside Christian Church, former theater (2002), on Montclair Boulevard

The uptick in redevelopment is a positive sign of a healthier economy. It also shows that Miami Township continues to be a location where businesses want to be, helping keep commercial corridors viable and the tax base stable.

Meet Your Township Planner



Jeff Uckotter

My name is Jeff Uckotter and I started as the Miami Township Planner back in July, 2016. I am an '08 graduate of Sycamore High School (Milford Fans, please don't hold that against me). With a planning degree from the University of Cincinnati, and prior public-sector experience working for Congressman Brad Wenstrup, I use my education and people skills every day. In my role, I work to be approachable and as helpful as possible, but with that, I take planning and the Miami Township Zoning Code seriously. The code is important because it upholds the character of the community. So far, one of the most interesting projects I've worked on is the NEW Starbucks that is going in next to Panera, near Meijer on State Route 28. For all you Starbucks fans, it will have a drive-through.

With that, if you have a zoning or planning question, be it a question about opening a business, adding a deck or installing a fence - call the office at (513) 248-3731. I am always happy to help.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP SERVICE

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No Parking During Snow Emergency



John Musselman

In an effort to make Township streets as safe as possible during winter snow events the Miami Township Board of Trustees has authorized the use of **NO PARKING**

on Township roads during a 'Snow Emergency.' Signs have been strategically located mostly on existing speed limit sign posts at the entrances to every neighborhood throughout the Township and one sign at the entrance covers every street



within the neighborhood. Typically a Snow Emergency will be declared when the depth of a snow event reaches the point where it becomes necessary for Township snow fighters to begin plowing or when an overnight event of accumulating snow is predicted. Once declared residents will have two hours to have all vehicles removed from the road before being subject to a violation or being towed. To notify residents of the declaration the Township will utilize all local media outlets similar to a school closing as well as the use of the Township's Facebook page and Twitter accounts.

Stay 'Up to Date' This Winter



In an attempt to keep residents up-to-date with the latest information regarding Service Departments progress during winter operations, we will be

utilizing our Twitter account multiple times during every snow event this season. When crews have been dispatched to begin, how things are going during an event and when things are wrapping up. We will also tweet any unusual circumstances during an event that may require us to change the way we would normally complete our routes. You can follow the Miami Township Service Department on Twitter @MiamiTwpSERVICE.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas tree recycling starts on December 26th and ends on January 31st. The drop-off locations are at Miami Meadows Park at 1546 State Route 131 and Paxton Ramsey Park at 6265 Price Rd. Drop-off areas will be clearly marked at the parks. Call the Service Department at 248-3728 for more information.



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MEETINGS

Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Drive • 45150

Trustee Business Meeting
7:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Trustee Work Session
8:30 am, 2nd Monday of Each Month

Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 pm, 1st Monday of Each Month

Zoning Commission
7:30 pm, 1st Thursday of Each Month

WINTER Family BLAST Fest



- Bouncy House
- Candy Bar & Popcorn
- Snow Themed Games & Crafts
- Family Friendly Airbrush Tattoos
- Spectacular Fireworks Show (sponsored by TaleMed)

Limited Space • Snow or Shine • Register.MiamiTwpOH.gov
Call (513) 248-3727 for additional information.

Friday, FEB 24 • 6:30 pm
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